

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29 with the following:

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Generally speaking the ISI can be divided into two components, namely precursor and post cursor ISI. Conventionally a feedforward equalizer (FFE) attempts to remove precursor ISI, and decision feedback equalization (DFE) attempts to remove postcursor ISI. Fig. 1 is illustrative of a conventional feedforward equalizer used in conjunction with decision feedback equalizer in a data communications channel. As shown in Fig. 1, an analog, input signal from a communication channel is converted by to a digital signal by analog-to-digital converter 102. The digital signal is processed by FFE 104 and DFE 105 in a conventional manner. DFE 105 comprises decision circuit 108, ~~and~~ feedback filter 110 and adder 112. Examples of conventional arrangements are discussed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,513,216 and 5,604,769, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 26 with the following:

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Reference is now made to Fig. 3 which shows a block diagram of a feedforward equalizer implemented as a high-pass filter used in conjunction with a decision feedback equalizer in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention. As shown therein, an analog input signal is converted to a digital signal by analog-to-digital converter (ADC) 302. The FFE 304 processes the digitized input signal to effectively cancel the precursor ISI and shorten the length of the postcursor ISI. Fig. 4 illustratively shows the shorten length of the postcursor ISI of when an input signal is processed by FFE 304 of the present invention. FFE 304 is preferably implemented as a high-pass filter to shorten the tail. The output of FFE 304 is then processed by DFE 305 to effectively cancel the postcursor ISI in a known manner. DFE 305 comprises decision circuit 308, ~~and~~ feedback filter 310 and adder 312. Decision circuit 308 may be implemented by, for example, a threshold circuit, a Viterbi detector or the like. Feedback filter 310 is preferably implemented as a FIR filter.